

PRESS RELEASE

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Second Annual Vietnam Era Veterans Recognition Day
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**STATE HONORS VIETNAM ERA VETERANS IN RUTLAND SATURDAY, AUG. 9;
CEREMONY, CRAFT & MILITARY VENDORS, FOOD & MUSIC PLANNED**

Vermont will honor its Vietnam era veterans Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Second Annual Vietnam Era Veterans Recognition Day at the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland. A mix of seriousness and fun make this an event for the whole family, rain or shine. Admission is free.

Featured during the day will be a wreath-laying ceremony by color guards from Vermont and Quebec, speakers, live music, craft and military vendors, displays of helicopters and other military equipment and a variety of food and beverages for sale.

Army, Navy and Air Force recruiters will be on hand to discuss job and career opportunities in the armed forces. State police, and the local sheriff's department, ambulance service and fire department will have displays.

Featured speakers include Rutland Mayor Jeff Wennberg and Vermont Adjutant Gen. Martha Rainville. Their remarks will follow the 11 a.m. wreath-laying ceremony.(?)

Craft vendors are still signing up and can call Tom or Carol Reardon, co-chairs of the event, at 518-499-2488 for a table or can simply show up at the fairgrounds Aug. 8 or 9 and pay the \$25 fee. Crafters who wish to set up early can do so from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8. Security will be provided from then until the close of the event.

Host for the day is Chapter 1 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the first chapter formed in the nation. Founded in 1978, Vietnam Veterans of America is the only veterans service organization devoted exclusively to improving the lives of those who served in uniform during the Vietnam War.

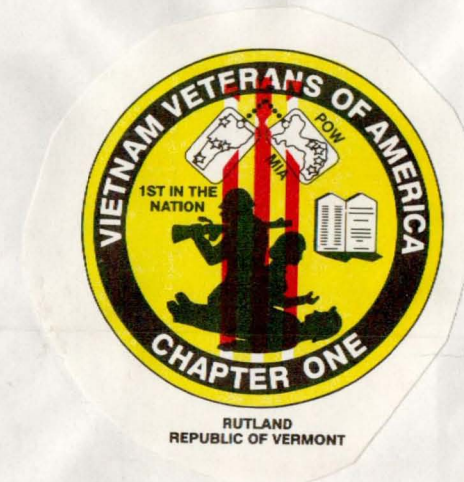
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VERMONT
VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS
RECOGNITION DAY COMMITTEE
GIVES OUR DEEPEST THANKS
TO
THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTERS

Vermont State Fairgrounds - Rutland, Vermont
(Buildings & Grounds)
Mike Iliopoulos - Dracut, Massachusetts (POW Car)
Rutland Herald
Vermont National Guard - Air Aviation Unit
(Helicopters)
Vermont National Guard, HQ 2/172 Armor, Rutland,
Vermont (Humvee)
VFW Post #648 - Rutland, Vermont (Tables & Chairs)
American Legion Post #50 - Castleton, Vermont
(Tables & Chairs)
Green Screen Graphics - Rutland, Vermont (Banner)
Coast to Coast Silk Screening - Rutland, Vermont
(T-Shirts)

AND TO ALL
VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS
THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
AND
TO EVERYONE JOINING
IN
OUR CELEBRATION

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VIETNAM-ERA
VETERANS
RECOGNITION DAY
AUGUST 9, 1997



VERMONT
VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS
RECOGNITION DAY COMMITTEE

Thomas E. Reardon
Co-Chairman-Veterans

Carol A. Reardon
Co-Chairman-Vendors

Jack Crowthers
John Bergeron



Vietnam Veterans
of America
Chapter #1
P.O. Box 6301
Rutland, Vermont

05702



Vietnam Veterans
of America
Chapter #723
RR #4 Box 638
Chester, Vermont

05143



Vermont State Council
of
Vietnam Veterans
of America
P.O. Box 4146
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Vietnam Veterans
of America
Chapter #753
P.O. Box 965
Saint Albans, Vermont

05478



Vietnam Veterans
of America
Chapter #601
P.O. Box 4146
Bennington, Vermont

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

START 11:00 AM

Ride-In By: "Freedom of the Road Vermont"

Colorguard "Honor Parade"

VVA Chapter #1 - Rutland, Vermont
VVA Chapter #723 - Chester, Vermont
VVA Chapter #601 - Bennington, Vermont
VVA Chapter #111 - Springfield, Ma.
North Country Vietnam Veterans -
Plattsburg, N.Y.
Canadian Vietnam Veterans Quebec -
Montreal, Quebec Canada

National Anthem
Canadian Anthem

Opening Prayer

Welcoming of Guests by: Vermont State Council
President - John Miner

Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Moving Vietnam
Veterans Memorial Wall to Honor Our Fallen
Brothers and Sisters

Speakers:

1. Rutland City Mayor - the Honorable
Jeffery N. Wennberg
2. State of Vermont Office of the Adjutant
General - Deputy Adjutant
General, BG William Noyes

Closing Prayer

Dismissal of Colorguards "honor Parade" - Under
the Command of Thomas E
Reardon

Entertainment:

12:00 til 2:00 PM--Wildwoods Music Coop
2:00 til 6:00 PM--Host Band:
Blue Train



**2nd Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day
At Rutland Fairgrounds, 1997**